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**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012

**Subject:** Selection of the Mayor and Deputy Chair for 2012/13

**Report of:** Director of Corporate Commissioning      **Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** No      **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

**Exempt/Confidential**      No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

To consider the selection of a Mayor and Deputy for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Cabinet is invited to consider the nomination of Mayor and Deputy for 2012/13 and to select the Members to be nominated to that Office at the Annual Council Meeting on 10 May 2012.

### **How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

### **Reasons for the Recommendation:**

It is a statutory requirement for the Council to appoint a Mayor and Deputy. Part 1, s3 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires each principal Council to appoint a Mayor. Under Part 1, s5 (1) each principal Council is required to also appoint a Deputy.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

The appointment has no cost implications. Allowances are not payable for the Deputy Chair position.

**(B) Capital Costs**

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal</b>	
Sections 3-5 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) refer.	
<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:**

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD1337/11) has been consulted and has no comments to make on this report as there are no financial consequences to the appointments being made.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD716/12) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**Are there any other options available for consideration?** There are no further options for consideration.

## **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Immediately following the Annual Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

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## **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

### **1. Introduction/Background**

- 1.1 Members will recall that for the 2011/12 Municipal Year, a Deputy Chair (Councillor Maureen Fearn) was appointed by the Council to fulfil the statutory requirements set out in the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1.2 The Cabinet needs to consider the nominations of a Member and Deputy to serve in the 2012/13 Municipal Year, in order to offer advance notice to the Members likely to be elected and to enable the necessary personal arrangements to be put in hand. The formal election can only take place at the Annual Meeting.
- 1.3 An early nomination is not, of course, a guarantee of election in May as it is possible for alternative nominations to be made at any time up to and including the date of the Annual Meeting.
- 1.4 In practice, however, this would be outside the arrangements agreed by the Council with regards the Selection and Nomination Procedure.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 1.5 Criteria is in place for the Deputy Mayor (but not the Mayor) as follows, although this does not apply to the position of Deputy Chair:
  - Annual rotation between the three main Political Groups on the Council;
  - Selection to be on the basis of seniority of the Member in the Group (flexibility to be afforded within the Group making the nomination);
  - A Member nominated as Deputy Mayor elect, should have served on the Council for a minimum of one full term (four years)
  - The Member selected as Deputy Mayor elect should not be up for election immediately after serving as Deputy Mayor;
  - A Member may serve as Mayor more than once;
  - A Member must be prepared to agree to undertake the role of Mayor as defined in the approved role profile and should meet, or be willing to meet, the requirements in the approved person profile.